March 13, 2009 - Murtha Announces over \$1.4 million in Local Police Department Grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman

John P. Murtha (PA-12) announced today that over \$1.4 million in federal grants have been released for police departments in Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and

Westmoreland Counties.

Murtha secured this funding through an earmark, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Technologies Program under the U.S. Department of Justice COPS program, in the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill.

Police departments throughout the

12th Congressional District must submit a detailed application for funding, which is then reviewed by a panel to ensure federal guidelines are met, and grants are awarded based on department need and the availability of funds. These grants may be used to help purchase equipment, training, and supplies that otherwise would not be attainable. This includes, but is not limited to, such items as protective vests, police vehicles, computers, radios, uniforms, weapons, etc.

" These grants are designed to

improve the ability of law enforcement agencies throughout southwestern Pennsylvania to fight crime and to keep our communities safe," commented Murtha. "Many of our smaller police departments can't

afford to purchase the necessary equipment and training they need, which is why I'm proud to secure this funding and to support their efforts."

Murtha was also able to secure \$2

million in fiscal year 2009 to continue the grant program, part of more than \$7 million secured by Murtha for the program in the last five years. Further details on when/how to apply for these funds will be made available in the near future.

Listed below are police departments, by County, that have received grants in this latest round of funding:

Allegheny County

Forward Township Police

Department \$10,348

Tarentum Borough Police

Department \$20,000

Armstrong County

Apollo Borough Police Department \$19,000

Armstrong County

Sheriff \$19,000

Bethel Township Police Department \$19,000

Gilpin Township Police Department \$20,000

Kiski Township Police Department \$14,056

Kittanning Police Department \$19,500

Leechburg Police Department \$20,000

Manor Township Police Department \$19,000

Parks Township Police Department \$20,000

South Buffalo Township Police

Department \$20,000

\$16,568

Cambria County

Adams Township Police Department

Blacklick Township Police

Department \$9,380

Cambria Township Police

Department \$14,000

Carrolltown Borough Police

Department \$17,000

Cresson Township Police

Department \$19,000

Croyle Township Police Department \$20,000

East Conemaugh Police Department \$20,000

East Taylor Township Police

Department \$20,000

Ebensburg Borough Police

Department \$15,767

Ferndale Borough Police

Department \$9,707

Geistown Police Department \$19,000

Jackson Township Police

Department \$17,100

Johnstown Police Department \$20,000

Nanty Glo Borough Police

Department \$13,800

Portage Borough Police Department \$20,000

Richland Township Police

Department \$20,000

Sankertown Borough Police

Department \$16,589

South Fork Borough Police

Department \$19,000

Stonycreek Township Police

Department \$19,000

Summerhill Township Police

Department \$19,000

University

of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Campus Police \$12,999

Vintondale Police Department \$19,000

West Hills Police Department \$20,000

Fayette County

Brownsville Police Department \$17,000

Connellsville Police Department \$19,000

Everson Police Department \$11,900

Fayette County Drug

Taskforce \$20,000

Fayette County

Sheriff \$19,000

Luzerne Township Police

Department \$19,000

Masontown Borough Police

Department \$18,000

Perryopolis Borough Police

Department \$20,000

Redstone Township Police

Department \$16,720

Uniontown Police Department \$20,000

Washington Township Police

Department \$15,500

Indiana County

Indiana Borough Police Department \$20,000

Indiana County

Sheriff \$19,000

Somerset County

Hooversville Borough Police Department \$20,000

Paint Borough Police Department \$18,655

Paint Township Police Department \$20,000

Seven Springs Borough Police

Department \$15,104

Somerset County Sheriff \$18,010

Washington County

California Borough Police

Department \$20,000

California

University of Pennsylvania Campus Police \$17,775

Carroll Township Police

Department \$20,000

Centerville Borough Police

Department \$19,000

Charleroi Police Department \$21,000

Donora Police Department \$10,450

East Bethlehem Police Department \$8,900

Fellowfield Township Police

Department \$19,000

Houston Police Department \$5,326

North Charleroi Borough Police

Department \$10,112

R.E.S.A Regional Police

Department \$10,800

South Strabane Township Police

Department \$17,500

West Brownsville Police

Department \$19,000

Westmoreland County

Allegheny Township Police

Department \$11,000

Avonmore Borough Police

Department \$12,600

Derry Boro Police Department \$14,350

Latrobe Police Department \$20,000

Lower Burrell Police Department \$20,000

Monessen Police Department \$20,000

Mount Pleasant Borough Police

Department \$13,639

New Kensington Police Department \$19,458

North Belle Vernon Police

Department \$20,000

Rostraver Township Police

Department \$17,500

Saint Clair Township Police

Department \$20,000

Scottdale Borough Police

Department \$20,000

Seward Borough Police \$11,390

Upper Burrell Police Department \$10,475

Vandergrift Police Department \$17,300

Washington Township Police

Department \$20,000

West Leechburg Borough Police Department \$16,500

West Newton Borough Police

Department \$20,000

Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department \$20,000

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